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SELF-ALIGNMENT SCHEME FOR  
ENHANCEMENT OF CPP-GMR

|\_ Art Group: 2652 Jefferson A. Evans\_|

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


This is in response to the Restriction or Election Requirement in the Office Action dated 09/13/05. In that Office Action, restriction was required to one of two stated

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Inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Inventions stated are Group I - Claims 1-19 to a method of making a magnetic transducer, classified in Class 29, subclass 603.07 and Group II - Claims 20-22 to a giant magnetoresistive head, classified in Class 360, subclass 324.1.

Applicant provisionally elects to be examined the Invention described by the Examiner as Group I - Claims 1-19 drawn to a process classified in Class 29, subclass 603.07. This election is made with traverse of the requirement under 37 C.F.R.1.143 for the reasons given in the following paragraphs.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Requirement for Restriction given in the Office Action. The Examiner gives the reason for the distinctness of the two inventions as (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different products or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP 806.05(f)). However, upon reading the product Claims against the process Claims one can readily see that the product Claims are directed to "a CPP GMR sensor of the synthetic spin valve type" and the process Claims are directed to "a method for fabricating CPP GMR sensors of the synthetic spin valve type", it is necessary to obtain claims in both the product and method claim language. The method Claims necessarily use the product and vice versa. The field of

search must necessarily cover both the method class/subclass 29/603.07 and products class 360/324.1 in addition to other related Classes and subclasses to provide a complete and adequate search. The fields of search for the Group I and Group II inventions are clearly and necessarily co-extensive. The Examiner's suggestion that "In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as utilizing ion milling", is very speculative and really has nothing to do with the Claims as presented in this Patent Application. Further, it is respectfully suggested that these reasons are insufficient to place the additional cost of a second Patent Application upon the Applicants. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this restriction requirement for these reasons.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and the Allowance of the present Patent Application is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. B. Ackerman', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Stephen B. Ackerman, Reg.# 37761